

Wylie Living

CITY OF WYLIE

Charlie Robison Performs
at the July Jubilee
Street Dance

July 2010

Cadets Learn the Dangers of Drinking and Driving

Ten Wylie students learned about the dangers of drinking and driving from Wylie Police Officers during Wylie's second Junior Police Academy, June 14 - 18. Participating students were recognized during a graduation ceremony on June 19.

The students had an opportunity to wear Fatal Vision goggles and perform the standardized field sobriety test; drive Gators while wearing the goggles to simulate driving under the influence; watch the video "Shattered Dreams", a presentation by Texas Alcohol Beverage Control; and receive educational items provided through a grant from TxDOT.

"We hope the students walked away with one valuable lesson," said Officer Angie Willis, Academy Coordinator. "Drinking and driving do not mix."

Wylie's First K-9 Laid to rest

City of Wylie retired Police K-9, Carlo, was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 16. Carlo was selected as Wylie's first K-9 and served from 1999 to 2008 before retiring at the home of his handler, Officer Brenda Martin.

Carlo and Officer Martin formed one of the most decorated K-9 units in the State of Texas. The pair was awarded Top Dog and Best Overall Team at the 2005 Region 20 United States Police Canine Association Certification Trials; and numerous second and third place finishes throughout the years. Carlo was instrumental in an untold number of drug detections and suspect apprehensions.

"Carlo was a tremendous asset to the Wylie Police Department," said Jeff Butters, former Police Chief and current Assistant City Manager. "He gave us the ability to quickly deploy a search and tracking component that we didn't have before the K-9 unit. He was an important and beloved part of the Police Department family."

During an interview prior to Carlo's retirement in 2008, Officer Martin described Carlo as loyal, obedient, sociable and strong but silent. She continued by saying, "Carlo is more than a partner on the street. He is an inseparable friend for life."



In addition to learning about the dangers of drinking and driving, the students got a first-hand look at situations officers face while on the job, including, building searches, traffic stops, criminal investigations, defensive tactics, and hostage negotiations. Each morning of the academy began with physical training simulating a day at the police academy.

Students in 7th and 8th grade applied for the academy during the school year. The application process included an essay on why they wanted to join and a recommendation letter from a teacher.

Citizens interested in sending their child to the 2011 Junior Police Academy scheduled for next summer should contact Officer Willis at 972-429-3248, or email angie.willis@wylietexas.gov.



Wylie Officer Mike Hashimoto directs a student wearing Fatal Vision Goggles through a driving course.

Online @ WylieTexas.gov

Water Restrictions and Guidelines

Summer is heating up and water use is increasing. Wylie is required by the State of Texas to adopt and implement a water conservation plan, including guidelines and restrictions. Go to WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Public Works > Water for details.

Sponsors; Fine Art and Handmade Craft Vendors Wanted

Based on the success of last year's event, the Wylie Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Olde City Park. Go to WylieTexas.gov > Wylie Living > Events for a vendor application and sponsorship details.

Text Message and Email Notifications

Severe thunderstorm warning, tornado, hazardous material spill, crime update, street closure or delay...stay informed in the event of a public safety issue. You may also opt to receive traffic and community information updates. Messages are sent directly from Wylie public safety officials. Backed by law enforcement agencies, the system is fast, reliable and your information is secure and confidential. Sign up for alerts at WylieTexas.gov by clicking the red "Sign Up" button found on the left-hand sided of the homepage.

Watering Guidelines Impact Public Safety

Thank you for your continued efforts to conserve water and follow the watering guidelines. Not only is a water conservation plan required by the state and the North Texas Municipal Water District, but it has a direct impact on the safety and wellbeing of Wylie residents.

During the hot summer months when water demand increases, water pressure can decrease throughout the system. This not only makes your morning shower less enjoyable, the decreased water pressure at fire hydrants may make fighting a fire more challenging.

For a complete list of watering restrictions and guidelines go to the homepage of WylieTexas.gov and click on "Watering Guidelines and Restrictions" under News and Announcements.



Citizens Police Academy...Sign Up Today

Applications are currently being accepted for the next Citizens Police Academy scheduled for August 25. Gain an understanding of the operations of the Wylie Police Department; Develop an awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions faced by police officers daily; And participate in role play exercises designed to illustrate situations officers face while on duty.

The class is filling up fast. Sign up by July 30! Fill out the application form found at WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Police, and drop it off at the Wylie Police Station, 2000 Highway 78 North.

Road Construction Updates

FM 1378, Brown Street to Parker Road

Concrete is being poured and northbound lanes on FM 1378 between Brown Street to Parker Road will be completed in August. All traffic will then be shifted to the new lanes for excavation and paving of the southbound lanes.

FM 544/FM 1378 Intersection (Near High School)

TxDOT work on this intersection is scheduled to begin in August and should last 3-5 months. Watch for major traffic delays and plan alternate routes. Traffic, at times, will be limited to one lane in each direction. Watch for more details.

Public Meeting: SH 78 Six Lane Extension to SH 205

Construction of the six lane extension of Highway 78 from Spring Creek to SH 205 is still more than 2 years away, but the process is beginning with a public hearing scheduled for 7 pm, July 29, at Wylie City Hall. Listen to a presentation by the project engineers, HDR One Company, and ask questions.

For these and other projects, go to WylieTexas.gov and click on "Additional Construction Updates" under News and Announcements on the homepage.

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

800 Thomas Street

972-442-7566

www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am

Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

July 21 - The End

July 29 - Sandy Shrout Presents *The Three Little Pigs*

August - No Storytime. They will resume in September

Teen Summer Reading Programs, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

6th - 12th graders are invited to join their friends for summer fun, games and learning.

July 22 - 3-D Crafts. Create CD sun catchers, playing card wallets and felt plushies. All supplies are provided.

July 29 - End of Summer Party. Eat, win prizes, play Rock Band.

Kids Summer Reading Programs

All ages are welcome but most programs are appropriate for ages 5 and up.

July 22, 6:30 pm - Slick Jugglers. Join Guinness World Record holder David Slick for a program you will not forget.

July 27, 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm - The Critterman. Join us for amazing live animals, a healthy dose of audience participation and hands-on activities.

Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:00 pm, Adults 18 and up

July 26 - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Love Your Library Tiles, July 27, Noon - 3 pm

Create a personal tile with photos or original artwork to be put on display at the new Library. All proceeds will be used to purchase program materials for the new Library. 4X4 tiles are \$25; 6X8 tiles are \$50. Cash or check only.

Last Day to Submit Summer Reading Logs, July 31

Friends of the Library Meeting, August 19, 6:00 pm

Support your local Library by joining the Friends of the Rita & Truett Smith Public Library. In celebration of the new Library membership and renewal fees are currently half price.

Bart Peddicord Community Center

100 West Oak Street - 972-442-8119

Senior Center Activities, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 3 pm

Join area seniors for cards, dominos, bingo, exercise, food and fun special events. Call 972-442-2841 for more information.